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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON US-USSR RELATIONS

REF: BRUSSELS 7465

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR SERGEI ROMANOVSKY ON AUGUST 1, HE MADE A STRONG POINT OF STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS OUR COUNTRIES MUST WORK TOGETHER, SO MUST WE PERSONALLY AS WELL AS OUR EMBASSY STAFFS. COMMENT: IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THE POSSIBLE TREND IN THE OTHER DIRECTION REPORTED PARA 4 REFTEL IS REVERSED. END COMMENT.

2. ROMANOVSKY INDICATED THAT THE RECENT HIATUS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF US-SOVIET BILATERAL RELATIONS WAS APPARENTLY ONLY A PASSING PHENOMENON AND IMPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IN CHARLESTON ON JULY 21 HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY MOSCOW. ROMANOVSKY, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN EARLY US-SOVIET CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS, SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED IN RECENT
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YEARS TO NOTE THAT THE ORIGINAL SINGLE US-SOVIET EXCHANGE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SUPPLEMENTED WITH A WHOLE NETWORK OF SIMILAR AGREEMENTS. HE SAID THAT THE USSR WELCOMED SUCH INCREASED CONTACTS ACROSS THE BOARD AND HOPED THIS FAVORABLE TREND IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE.

3. AS A POSSIBLY INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, ROMANOVSKY QUESTIONED ME CLOSELY ON THE HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS THAT AN INCUMBENT U.S. PRESIDENT WOULD RUN FOR A SECOND TERM AND THE ADVANTAGES THAT ACCRUED TO AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT IN SUCH A CONTEST.

4. OF POSSIBLE BIOGRAPHIC INTEREST, ROMANOVSKY'S FRENCH IS NOT FLUENT AS REPORTED IN PARA 5 75 STATE 116425. HE WAS ABLE TO CONDUCT ABOUT HALF OF OUR CONVERSATION IN FRENCH, BUT HAD TO USE AN INTERPRETER FREQUENTLY, PARTICULARLY WHEN DISCUSSING SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS. HE DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING FRENCH. NO OTHER BIOGRAPHIC COMMENTS MADE IN THE STATE TEL NOTED ABOVE WERE CONTRADICTED. CHAMBERS

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